

COUNTY OF AIKEN
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Residents Petition

Charging That A Situation Exists That Is Injurious To The Public Health, Safety,
Welfare Or Security And Constitutes A Nuisance

A. This petition is submitted in accordance with Section 15-24 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances.

B. We the undersigned residents of Aiken County, South Carolina, state that we reside within 1,000 feet of the property line of the lot, lots, parcels or areas where the alleged nuisance exists and there exists a situation which is harmful to the general health, safety, welfare, or security of the community.

(Name of Location, if any, Address)

Which is owned by _____

(Owner(s), if known)

and is currently occupied by _____

(Name(s) if occupied)

C. We further state that the aforementioned is a nuisance and there exists a situation which is harmful to the general health, safety, welfare, or security of the community for the following reason(s): (check applicable reason(s))

(1) _____ Unsanitary or a fire menace by allowing any offensive or unsafe matter to grow, accumulate or otherwise occupy and remain upon such premises.

(2) _____ Pools of water accumulating and becoming stagnant and foul.

(3) _____ Junk, disabled cars and trucks, trash, waste, old lumber or used tires accumulating and becoming a possible harbor for rats, snakes and other vermin.

(4) _____ Abandoned automobiles, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans or containers.

(5) _____ Compost pile of a nature to spread or harbor disease, emit unpleasant odors or harmful gas, or attract rodents, vermin or other disease-carrying pest.

(6) _____ Deleterious septic material, unless the material is contained to deny access to humans, flies, insects, rodents, vermin and animals.

(7) _____ Maintaining livestock, chickens, or groups of other domestic animals, in a residential area in such a manner as to allow the spread or harboring of disease, to emit unpleasant odors or harmful gases, or to attract rodents, vermin, or other disease-carrying pests, animals, or insects.

(8) _____ Maintaining a premises in a condition or a building in a condition which is detrimental to property of others or which causes or tends to cause substantial domination in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises are located.

(9) _____ Allowing any partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, discarded or otherwise nonoperating motor vehicle to remain on such property longer than (10) ten days; except this Section shall not apply with regard to any vehicle in an enclosed building or so located upon the premises as not to be readily visible from any

public place or from any surrounding private property. This Section shall not apply with regards to any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place, other than in a residential area, and operated in a lawful manner, when the keeping or maintenance of such vehicle is necessary to the operation of such business enterprise; or with regard to a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the County or any other public agency or entity.

- (10) _____ Any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually or unreasonably loud noise produced by any radio, phonograph, musical instrument, loudspeaker, sound amplifier or power tools, equipment or machinery, motor vehicle, horn, barking or howling dog or other animal or bird in such a manner or with such volume, particularly between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in the vicinity thereof. The term "excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises" is defined to be any sound which is plainly audible at a distance of two hundred (200) feet from its source. Sounds from emergency vehicles, churches, schools, lawn mowers and other yard maintenance equipment, construction and public works machinery and equipment are exempt from the provisions of this Section.

NOTE: Complaints concerning nuisances described in this item number 10 can be made by one or more residents of the County regardless of the location of their residences and shall be made by the residents directly to the Sheriff of the County and shall be investigated by the Sheriff or his/her designee.

- (11) _____ The use of any one or more lots, parcels or areas within the County, or any building or erection thereon for the purposes of lewdness, or prostitution, or for the sale or distribution or consumption of any illegal substance.
- (12) _____ Other dangers or detriments to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Aiken County: (Specify briefly)
- _____

Amplifying statements may be attached to this petition. Such statements must refer specifically to the grounds charged in 1 - 12 above, & must be signed by the five (5) residents who signed this petition, or by at least five (5) if more than five have signed.

- D. We petition the Aiken County Council to undertake a preliminary investigation of this complaint and the charges specified, as required by Section 15-24 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances; and upon completion of that investigation, to take such further actions as the Code of Ordinances requires.

1. _____ (Name
printed) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Address)

(Telephone)

2. _____ (Name
printed) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Address)

3. _____ (Name
printed) (Signature) (Date)

(Address)

4. _____ (Name
printed) (Signature) (Date)

(Address)

5. _____ (Name
printed) (Signature) (Date)

(Address)

6. _____ (Name
printed) (Signature) (Date)

(Address)

E. This petition has been submitted by the following contact person:

1. Name:

2. Mailing Address:

_____ Zip

3. Telephone: (area code) _____ (#)

The above person will serve as the contact person representing all persons who signed this petition.